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**LEGAL**

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1. **Purpose.**

a. To establish the office of the European Command Legal Advisor(ECLA) and prescribe its mission, organization, authority, functions, and responsibilities.

b. To prescribe the relationship of ECLA to DoD, JCS, the Military Services, component legal offices and with legal offices situated within the USEUCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR) to include U.S. non-Dod, host nation, and international organization legal offices.

2. **References.**

a. DoD Reorganization Act of 19886 (PL 99-443), 10 U.S.C. 164.

b. DoD Directive 5100.1, Functions of the Departments of Defense and Its Major Components.

c. DoD Directive 5145.4, Defense Legal Services.

d. JCS Pub 0-2, Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAF).

e. ED 56-9, European Command Relationships and U.S. Defense Representatives.

3. **Internal Management Control.**

This directive contains internal control provisions and is subject to the requirements of the Internal Management Control Program. For HQ USEUCOM and joint activities

subordinate to HQ USEUCOM, the applicable internal control directive is ED 50-8, Internal Management Control Program.

4. **Applicability and Scope.** The provisions of this directive apply HQ USEUCOM, joint activities subordinate to USCINCUER, subordinate commands of USCINCUER, and to DoD elements within the USEUCOM AOR.

5. **Mission.** ECLA shall provide legal advice, services, and support to USCINCUER, USDCINCEUR, the Chief of Staff, HQ USEUCOM staff, and to specified organization as set forth in this Directive.

6. **Authority.** The Legal Advisor, ECLA, has authority:

a. As provided by U.S. law, directives, and regulations.

b. To obtain information, and provide advice and assistance consistent with the command's mission, functions, and responsibilities.

c. To communicate directly with appropriate personnel of other legal offices on matters related to the mission, programs, policies, and plans of USEUCOM.

d. To exercise functional oversight responsibility over the Legal Offices of joint subordinate activities.

**7. Organization and Management.**

The Office of the Legal Advisor is established under the direction, authority, and control of the Legal Advisor. It shall consist of the Legal Advisor, personnel assigned to ECLA, and such subordinate organizational elements as are established by the Legal Advisor within resources assigned or made available. The legal office of subordinate joint activities of USCINCEUR are established as subordinate legal offices of ECLA for functional purposes only.

**8. Functions and Responsibilities.**

The Legal advisor shall:

a. Serve as the principle legal advisor to USCINCEUR, USDCINCEUR, the Chief of Staff, and the HQ USEUCOM staff in matters concerning domestic, foreign, and international law.

b. Serve as the senior legal advisor and functional legal manager, to include coordination responsibility at the HQ USEUCOM staff level for administrative and personnel matters for legal offices of subordinate joint activities of USCINCEUR.

c. Serve as the single point of coordination and exercise technical supervision with respect to the legal staffs of CINCUSAREUR, CINCUSNAVEUR, COMUSAFE, MARFOREUR, USSOCEUR, and any Joint Task Forces on matters affecting the mission, operations, and responsibilities of USEUCOM.

e. Supervise, organize, direct, and manage the professional and administrative staff at ECLA.

f. Provide legal advice, guidance, technical support, and assistance to subordinate joint activities or component command legal offices in fulfillment of delegated USEUCOM responsibilities under applicable USEUCOM Directives (EDs).

g. Perform such other related functions as directed by competent authority.

**9. Relationships.** Nothing in this directive will be interpreted as changing:

a. The authority currently exercised by component and subordinate commanders, DoD agencies, Chiefs of security Assistance Organizations (SAOs), or Defense Attaches in matters under their specific cognizance.

b. Provisions of ED 56-9.

c. The relationship of a subordinate joint activity legal office to their respective Chief, Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC).

10. Effective Date and Implementation. This directive is effective immediately.

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